

## **Council Notes-August 1, 2012**

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- The council met with representatives from the TN American Water Company on July 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss its proposal to the TN Regulatory Authority to increase water rates. Gary VerDouw, TAWC's Director of Rates, explained that TN American needs the increase to improve its infrastructure for the benefit of its customers. Mayor Bill Lusk reminded Mr. VerDouw that TAWC has instituted double digit increases twice in the last four years. The town pumps its own water and maintains its own infrastructure. He explained that the town should not be asked to finance improvements for other customers' infrastructure. Mr. VerDouw suggested that TAWC would be willing to negotiate a contract that would consider the town's position. Mayor Lusk agreed that the town would welcome an opportunity to sit down and talk.
- The TN Regulatory Authority has advised the town that it will hold a public hearing on TAWC's petition to increase water rates October 15-19<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. The town has filed a Petition to Intervene.
- At its regular meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Design Review Commission approved signage for Home Helpers and Boulder Point, a new subdivision on Shackleford Ridge.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals met on July 26<sup>th</sup> to consider variance requests for a carport at 907 Cherokee Lane and a roof extension at 702 Signal Mtn. Boulevard to correct a drainage issue. Both requests were deemed necessary and were approved unanimously.
- Mulch will be loaded this Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Recycle Center from 10am to 2pm. The cost is \$5 a truckload.
- Please keep yard waste out of ditches and other drainage ways to avoid causing problems for the neighbors downstream.